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1. INTER- SERVICES PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORATE ANNOUNCED  
MAY 2 ARRESTS OF TWELVE ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS  
AND ONE CIVILIAN. ARRESTS RESULTED FROM FURTHER  
INVESTIGATIONS INTO CONSPIRACY ANNOUNCED MARCH 30  
IN WHICH 24 OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS WERE ARRESTED.  
ACCORDING TO PRESS RELEASE, " INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED  
BY THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT  
ON MARCH 30 OF THE ARREST OF CERTAIN RETIRED AND  
SERVING OFFICERS HAVE CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHED  
THAT THEY WERE ENGAGED IN A CONSPIRACY TO SUBVERT  
THE DISCIPLINE AND LOYALTY OF THE PERSONNEL OF  
OF PAKISTAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE". PRESS RELEASE  
CONTINUED, " IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT BRIG. ( RTD.)  
F. B. ALI AND COLONEL ( RTD.) ABDUL ALEEM AFRIDI WERE  
RETIRED FROM THE ARMY IN AUGUST LAST YEAR FOR THEIR  
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INVOLVEMENT IN THE ABORTIVE COUP OF DECEMBER 1971, JUST BEFORE GENERAL YAHYA QUITTED OFFICE. SINCE THEN, EXPLOITING THEIR PAST CONTACTS IN THE ARMED FORCES, THEY WERE ABLE TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF A GROUP OF OFFICERS TO FURTHER THEIR DESIGNS." TWELVE ARRESTED WERE ONE BRIGADIER, ONE GROUP CAPTAIN, ONE LT. COL., THREE CAPTAINS, ONE WING COMMANDER, AND FIVE SQUADRON ISONS OF QA REGARDING FRG- BERLIN TIES. ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, TREATMENT THAT ROHWEDDER RECEIVED WAS CLEAR CONTRAVENTION BY SOVIET UNION OF LETTER AND SPIRIT OF QA. MORGENPOST SAID THAT SOVIETS WERE " UNABASHEDLY PLAYING FOOTBALL" WITH PROVISIONS OF QA ON FRG- BERLIN TIES, AND, CONTINUING IN SAME METAPHOR, APPARENTLY TOOK ALLIES TO TASK FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT: " AND THE REFEREES? THEY ARE HIDING THEIR HEADS IN THE QUICKSAND OF THEIR ILLUSIONS." SPD- ORIENTED SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT ( MAY 1) LIKewise RAISED ALARM AT TACTICS OF SOVIETS, AND WAS CRITICAL OF SENAT FOR NOT PUTTING UP GREATER RESISTANCE. SMALL CONCESSIONS NOW, IT NOTED, MIGHT LEAD TO COMPLETE RESIGNATION IN THE FUTURE; AND, FOR WEST BERLIN, RESIGNATION WAS THE EQUIVALENT OF CAPITULATION. VILKSBLATT RECOMMENDED THAT SOME FORM OF " REVENGE" BE TAKEN FOR " COUNTLESS LITTLE KICKS OF THE OTHER SIDE."

3. SENAT HAS ALREADY MADE EFFORTS TO RECOUP SOME OF LOSSES SUFFERED AT OPENING CEREMONY. IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUERY AS TO WHY ROHWEDDER WAS NOT GREETED BY NAME IN SPEECH BY SOVIET EXHIBITION DIRECTOR KUTS ( AS SOVIET COUNSELOR BELETSKIY HAS PROMISED SENAT CHANCELLERY HEAD HERZ) HE WOULD BE), SENAT SPOLKESMAN REPLIED THAT OSTENSIBLE REASON WAS THAT ROHWEDDER WAS PRESENT IN CAPACITY AS HOST RATHER THAN AS GUEST, AND THAT SOVIETS HAD UNDERSTOOD THIS TO BE CASE. OF FURTHER NOTE IS THAT AMK SPOKESMAN REPLIED TO INQUIRY AS TO NUMBER OF VISITORS TO EXHIBITION ON OPENING DAY BY NOTING THAT AT " SMALL EXHIBITIONS" VISITORS WERE NOT COUNTED ON DAILY BASIS.

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